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*"I am fighting to tighten the belt of
government by controlling spending
and cutting taxes. I keep these
principles in mind when casting my
vote in Congress because limited
government and low taxes help the
economy grow and create jobs."*

-Congressman Gil Gutknecht

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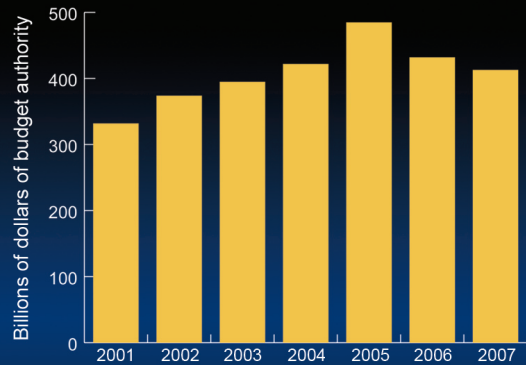
▶▶ CONTROLLING SPENDING

“There is no good reason for the federal budget to grow at a faster rate than the average family budget.”

-Congressman Gil Gutknecht

The federal government must learn to live within its means, just like Minnesota families. Congressman Gil Gutknecht has consistently voted to slow the growth of federal spending.

Growth in Non-Defense Discretionary Spending
Includes War and Katrina Supplementals



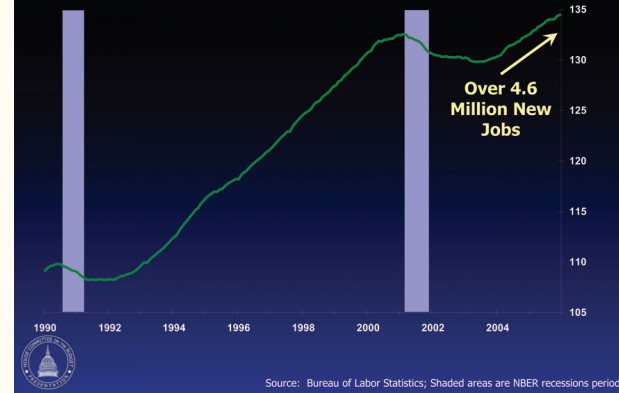
Source: House Budget Committee

- Congressman Gutknecht voted for the Deficit Reduction Act to reduce waste and to ensure that programs operate within their budgets.
- He also voted to prevent lawmakers from inserting special projects (earmarks) into legislation at the last minute without proper scrutiny. By keeping a watchful eye on government programs and the lawmakers who request them, Congressman Gutknecht is working to make government more accountable.

▶▶ KEEPING TAXES LOW; CREATING MORE JOBS

- Congressman Gutknecht voted to abolish the death tax to allow people to keep a business or farm in the family, instead of selling it in order to pay the IRS.

Payroll Jobs Have Rebounded
Millions of Jobs



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics; Shaded areas are NBER recessions periods.

- To prevent a middle-class tax hike, Congressman Gutknecht voted to protect many Americans who are subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT) in 2006. Minnesota has the 9th highest percentage of taxpayers subject to the AMT.
- Twenty-eight million families will benefit by an average of almost \$990 on their 2006

tax returns because he voted to freeze rates on capital gains and certain dividends through 2010.

“I have never forgotten that it’s your money. You can spend it smarter than Washington can spend it on your behalf.”

-Congressman Gil Gutknecht